

**SECRET****(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER**REFERENCE: ATTACHMENT TO L-4596  
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PAGE 1**INCREASED INSURGENT ACTIVITY  
TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA****1. SIGNIFICANCE:**

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS PROBABLE INSURGENT ENCAMPMENTS AND MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT IN THE TONLE KONG (RIVER) (SE KONG IN LAOS) AREA OF NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIA ADJACENT TO THE LAOS BORDER.

**2. BACKGROUND:**

THE LAND AND WATER ROUTES THROUGH THE NORTHEASTERN CAMBODIAN PROVINCES HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR THE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES TO COMMUNIST FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS.

THE TONLE KONG JUNCTIONS WITH THE TONLE SAN (RIVER), 7.5 KILOMETERS EAST OF STUNG TRENG. LAUNCHES, LARGE SAMPANS, AND PIROGUES CAN NAVIGATE THE RIVER DURING THE HIGH WATER PERIOD. BETWEEN SIEM PANG, CAMBODIA AND THE LAOS/CAMBODIA BORDER THIS RIVER IS THE CENTRAL LINK IN AN EXTENSIVE COMMUNIST LOGISTICS NET EXTENDING FROM STUNG TRENG TO THE TRI-BORDER AREA. THIS AREA HAS EXHIBITED AN INCREASINGLY HIGH DEGREE OF ACTIVITY SINCE MARCH 1966, WHEN THE ~~COMMUNIST~~ ROAD NETWORK IN THE SOUTHERN LAOS PANHANDLE WAS IMPROVED.

MOST OF THE MOTORIZED BOATS OBSERVED ON THE TONLE KONG ARE POWERED BY OUTBOARD MOTORS AND RANGE FROM SEVEN TO NINE METERS IN LENGTH AND HAVE AN AVERAGE BEAM  THE MAJORITY OF SUPPLIES FOR TRANSSHIPMENT ARE TRUCKED 25X1 FROM STUNG TRENG TO THE SIEM PANG AREA DURING LOW WATER (JANUARY-APRIL) AND DURING THE INTERMEDIATE WATER RECEDING STATE (DECEMBER). DURING MAY-NOVEMBER, SUPPLIES ARE SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM STUNG TRENG TO THE BORDER AREA, WITH SUPPLEMEN-

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TAL TRUCKING TO SIEM PANG FOR TRANSSHIPMENT. THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF RIVER CRAFT  
OBSERVED ON ANY SINGLE DAY WAS EIGHTY-FIVE [REDACTED]

3. COLLATERAL:

ACCORDING TO A RECENT REPORT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOATS CARRYING RICE AND OTHER CAMOUFLAGED CARGO, MOVING NORTH ON THE  
TONLE KONG TO SIEM PANG FOR ONWARD SHIPMENT TO THE NVA UPRIVER.

REPORTEDLY RICE AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO BE SHIPPED UP THE TONLE KONG ARE STORED  
IN TWO WAREHOUSES; ONE AT BAN KHLONG (UTM XV0998) AND THE OTHER AT BAN KHAN MEMAY  
(UTM XV0393).<sup>2</sup>

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS THE FOLLOWING INSURGENT ACTIVITY  
IN THE TONLE KONG AREA OF CAMBODIA:

1. A PROBABLE INSURGENT ENCAMPMENT ADJACENT TO ROUTE 97 AT 1433N 10632E  
(UTM XB644108) CONTAINING THREE BUILDINGS.

2. AN INSURGENT STORAGE AREA AT 1434N 10631E (UTM XB652101) CONTAINING  
FIVE BUILDINGS AND SERVED BY NUMEROUS TRAILS WHICH EXTEND NORTH TO ROUTE 97.

3. A PROBABLE WATER-TO-ROAD TRANSSHIPMENT POINT ON THE EAST BANK OF THE  
TONLE KONG AT 1432N 10628E (UTM XB582073) WHERE THE SOUTHERNMOST EXTENSION OF

<sup>1</sup>PACIFIC COMMAND WID 42-67, 10 NOVEMBER 1967 (SECRET) [REDACTED]

<sup>2</sup>CIA. II [REDACTED] 15 AUGUST 1967 (CONFIDENTIAL).

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ROUTE 97 TERMINATES. SEVERAL UNOCCUPIED A/W POSITIONS ARE ALSO OBSERVED.

4. AN INSURGENT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AREA WITH ROW CROP AGRICULTURE AND NUMEROUS TRAILS IS OBSERVED AT 1430N 10626E (UTM XB650105, UTM XB610108, UTM XB 604108, UTM XB591101, UTM XB576053, AND UTM XB031551 to UTM XB039548). NO ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED.

5. THREE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT ARE OBSERVED ON THE TONLE KONG AT 1427N 10625E.

6. TWO MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT ARE OBSERVED ON THE TONLE KONG AT 1426N 10621E.

7. THREE MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT ARE OBSERVED ON THE TONLE KONG AT 1425N 10621E.

8. A MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT IS OBSERVED AT 1425N 10620R TRANSITING THE RAPIDS ON THE TONLE KONG.

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A 2.1 NM SEGMENT OF ROUTE 97 IS OBSERVED TO BE REACTIVATED AND WELL USED FROM UTM XB610101 SOUTH TO A NEW TRANSSHIPMENT POINT AT UTM XB582072.

THE FOLLOWING INSURGENT ACTIVITY IS ALSO OBSERVED IN THE AREA BUT IS NOT DEPICTED ON THE GRAPHIC: AN ENCAMPMENT AT UTM XB653085 CONTAINING TWO BUILDINGS AND NUMEROUS ROW CROPS AND AN ENCAMPMENT AT UTM XB646085 CONTAINING TWO BUILDINGS, ROW CROPS, AND SEVERAL POSSIBLE FOXHOLES.

UTM COORDINATES ARE TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7012, SHEET 6245 I AND SERIES L7011, SHEET 6254 II.

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